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New York District

Bronx River, NY

Federal Navigation Channel Maintenance of Infrastructure and Stewardship

FACT SHEET

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DESCRIPTION: Preliminary Engineering and Design work for possible future maintenance dredging will be performed in FY08.

AUTHORIZATION/DESCRIPTION: House Document 897, 62nd Congress, authorized by Rivers and Harbors Act of 4 March 1913. It provides for a channel 10 ft. deep and at least 100 ft. wide, from East River to the dam at East 177th Street, including the widening of bends. The first dredging included a section from the East River to Randall Avenue 200 ft wide, thence a section to Spofford Avenue 150 ft. wide, thence a section to Watson Avenue 125 ft. wide, thence a section to the railroad bridge near Westchester Ave 100 ft wide, except to 140 ft wide in south approach to the bridge; thereafter 100 ft wide to head of navigation. Total length - about 1.7 miles. Navigable for 2.6 miles.

Local cooperation is required.

FIVE YEAR AVERAGE COMMERCIAL TONNAGE: Approx 125,000 tons

STATUS: The project was last dredged to project dimensions in 1991 with placement of the dredged material at the Mud Dump Site in the Atlantic Ocean. With federal funding in FY09, preliminary engineering and design work can be continued through sampling and testing the shoaled areas for possible future upland placement. Environmental coordination with resource agencies for possible future maintenance will also take place.

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